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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :

Administrative Action

LARISA ABATE, R.N. LICENSE # 26NR13889300

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information that respondent failed to timely complete nursing continuing education requirements for the June 1, 2012-May 31, 2014 licensing cycle. Respondent was able to document completion of a total of 30 contact hours of nursing continuing education for that licensing cycle, all of which was completed on August 24, 2014. However, the required course on organ and tissue donation was timely completed on April 29, 2014.

This failure to timely complete required continuing education, with regard to the courses not completed by May 31, 2014 constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3.

Moreover, on respondent's renewal application submitted on May 17, 2014, respondent indicated that she would have completed continuing education requirements for the 2012-2014 licensing cycle by May 31, 2014. The Board finds that this was inaccurate, and constituted misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The parties desiring to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Board finding that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS, on this 30th day of January, 2015
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. A reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of  $N.J.S.A\ 45:1-21(b)$ .
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$250 is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, money order or attorney trust account check, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be submitted simultaneously with this signed order.
- 3. The continuing education submitted by respondent in satisfaction of 2012-2014 requirements, all completed on August 24

and August 25 of 2014, may not be used to satisfy continuing education requirements for the 2014-2016 licensing cycle.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

Patricia Muydy PLD APN

By:

Patricia Murphy, Phd, APRN President

I have read and understood the above Order and agree to be Bound by its terms.

Larisa Abace, R.N.

Consent as to form and entry:

Cheryl Piegaro//

Attorney for respondent